

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2535

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Mr. NUNES (for himself and Mr. COSTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tule River Tribe
5 Water Development Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Not later than 2 years after
3 funds are appropriated for this section or the signing of
4 a reserved water rights settlement agreement by the Tule
5 River Tribe and other settling water users, whichever is
6 later, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-
7 reau of Reclamation, shall complete a feasibility study to
8 evaluate alternatives (including alternatives for a phase I
9 reservoir storage of an amount of water not to exceed
10 5,000 acre feet) for a domestic, commercial, municipal, in-
11 dustrial, and irrigation water supply for the Tule River
12 Tribe of the Tule River Reservation.

13 (b) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study con-
14 ducted under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Interior
15 shall transmit the study to the Committee on Natural Re-
16 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
17 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Com-
18 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate.

19 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Inte-
21 rior \$3,000,000 to carry out this section.

22 **SEC. 3. CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS.**

23 No project conducted in relation to the feasibility
24 study conducted under section 2 shall provide water sup-
25 plies for the proposed Tribal casino to be located in prox-

1 imity to California Highway 190 near Lake Success, or
2 any other Tribal casino, except—

3 (1) the casino in its current form and dimen-
4 sions operated by the Tribe on the Tule River Res-
5 ervation; and

6 (2) any lodging, dining, entertainment, meeting
7 space, parking, or other similar facilities which may
8 be constructed in the future in support of current
9 on-Reservation gaming activities, or in support of
10 any future expansion of on-Reservation gaming ac-
11 tivities.

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